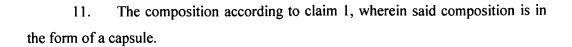
## We Claim:

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- 1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of amlodipine maleate and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient wherein said composition has a pH within the range of 5.5-7.0.
- 2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has a pH of about 6.0 7.0.
- 3. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is in solid form.
- 4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said excipient is calcium phosphate or microcrystalline cellulose.
- 5. The composition according to claim 4, wherein said composition comprises calcium phosphate and microcrystalline cellulose.
- 6. The composition according to claim 4, wherein said excipient is calcium hydrogen phosphate.
- 7. The composition according to claim 4, wherein said excipient is microcrystalline cellulose.
- 8. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises an acidic pH adjusting agent.
- 9. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet.
- 10. The composition according to claim 9, which further comprises an outer layer surrounding said tablet.



- 12. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said amount of amlodipine maleate corresponds to 1.0 to 25 mg of amlodipine free base.
- 13. The composition according to claim 12, wherein said amount of amlodipine maleate corresponds to 1.25, 2.5, 5 or 10 mg of amlodipine free base.
- 14. A method for treating or preventing angina, hypertension, or heart failure, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of the composition according to claim 1.

15. A process for making the composition according to claim 1, which comprises mixing amilodipine maleate and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient to form a mixture having a pH within the range of 5.5 to 7.

16. A process, which comprises:

mixing amlodinine maleate and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient to form a mixture having a pH of 5.5-7.0.

- 17. The process according to claim 16, which further comprises compressing said mixture into a tablet.
- 18. The process according to claim 16, which further comprises filling capsules with said mixture to form a pharmaceutical dosage form.
- 19. The process according to claim 16, wherein said mixing is carried out by wet granulation.
- 20. The process according to claim 16, wherein said mixing is carried out by a dry method.

- 21. The process according to claim 20, wherein said amlodipine maleate is mixed as solid particles having an average particle size of at least 100 microns with said excipient.
  - 22. A tablet made according to the process of claim 16.
  - 23. A process, which comprises:

mixing solid particles of amlodipine maleate, having an average particle size of at least 20 microns, with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient to form a mixture.

- 24. The process according to claim 23, which further comprises filling capsules with said mixture to form a pharmaceutical dosage form.
- 25. The process according to claim 23, which further comprises compressing said mixture to form a tablet.
- 26. The process according to claim 23, wherein said average particle size is at least 100 microns.
- 27. The process according to claim 23, wherein said mixture is blended with one or more appropriate excipients so as to have a pH within the range of 5.5 to